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I've been programming since the early days of personal computers and I
have watched Microsoft' tactics since the beginning of Dos. They have
always used the revenues from their operating system monopoly to put
their competitors out of business by either buying them under threat to
put them out of business by selling a competing product at artificially
low prices or by gradually copying the best features of competitor's
programs. In my opinion they have always been more interested in
eliminating competition than in producing reliable programs. Their
programs are always the "buggiest", especially their operating systems.

In the early days, when IBM was paying them to participate in a
joint
program to develop the OS2 operating system, Microsoft secretly stopped
signiificant work on OS2 and started to work on Windows. OS2 is a
superior and much more reliable system than Windows, but even IBM could
not overcame MS's monopoly.

All of these comments are my own opinions as an observer of the
personal computer history and I cannot supply any information useful in
court. It is also my opinion that laywers and judges, with rare
exceptions, do not have the necessary knowledge to understand how MS
undermines
and eliminates competition. I have no doubt that they will quickly
emasculate the proposed settlement. They should be broken into at least
three companies to have a chance of bringing competion back into the
industry.

Thank you for your attention.